

REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is requested to allow Claims 1-19 and 21-78, the only claims pending and under examination in this application after entry of the above amendments.

The specification has been amended to include serial numbers of the referenced applications in paragraph 1. In addition, replacement figures 1 to 11 are enclosed with this response. Finally, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of Claim 20, and Claim 20 has correspondingly been cancelled. As no new matter has been added by way of these amendments, entry thereof by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, the Examiner is thanked for acknowledging the patentability of Claims 20, 46-57 and 61-78.

It is believed that the above amendment to the specification overcomes the issue with respect to paragraph 1 raised by the Examiner.

In addition, the enclosed replacement sheets of Figs. 1 to 11 address the issue with respect to the Drawings as raised by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-9, 14-19, 21-25 and 27-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Orth. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the elements of Claim 20, which the Examiner has found to be allowable. In view of this amendment, this rejection may be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 10-13, 58-60 and 78-87 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Orth in view of Sekins.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the elements of Claim 20, which the Examiner has found to be allowable. Claims 10-13, 58-60 and 78-87 all ultimately depend from Claim 1. As such, this rejection may be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number PRTS-041.

Respectfully submitted,

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